

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor Sunny Hill, Haywood and East Side Elementary Schools of Haywood County on being the first schools in the nation to receive the HealthierUS School Challenge Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, as a result of the natural talents and unflagging commitment of their administration, faculty, staff and students, have been showered with accolades; and

WHEREAS, Sunny Hill Elementary School, Haywood Elementary School and East Side Elementary School of the Haywood County School System are outstanding educational institutions that recently became the first schools in the Nation to receive the esteemed HealthierUS School Challenge Award; and

WHEREAS, no less a personage than United States Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns visited Haywood County to make the thrilling announcement and present the awards as these outstanding schools were three of only four schools in the Nation to receive the award; and

WHEREAS, the HealthierUS School Challenge is an innovative program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture that engages students, parents and schools in an effort to achieve healthy environments through good nutrition and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, in order to be certified as part of the HealthierUS School Challenge, schools must enroll in the USDA's Team Nutrition program and meet higher standards than the basic federal government requirements; and

WHEREAS, Betty Perry, school nutrition director for the Haywood County School District, stated that everyone - principals, teachers, and school cafeteria managers – worked together to win this prestigious award by following the USDA's recommendation that schools take a lead in helping children make healthy choices and be physically active; and

WHEREAS, this noteworthy achievement is truly exemplary and, most appropriately, a tremendous source of pride for the school board, administration, faculty, staff, students and parents of the Sunny Hill, Haywood and East Side Elementary Schools' respective communities; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding achievement is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the administration, faculty, staff and students of Sunny Hill Elementary School, Haywood Elementary School and East Side Elementary School of Haywood County on winning the prestigious HealthierUS School Challenge Award, which serves as true testimony to their continuing commitment to excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to them our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.